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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-18 have been presented for examination.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on May 7, 2004 are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Priority

3. This application claims priority of provisional application number 60/432,612 filed on December 12, 2002. Applicant's claim for the benefit of this prior-filed application is acknowledged.

Specification

4. The specification is objected to for the following informalities:

As per claims 1 and 16, where a claim sets forth a plurality of elements or steps, each element or step of the claim should be separated by a line indentation as is shown in claims 8 and 15. 37 CFR § 1.75(i).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Application Publication Number US 2003/0050794, Keck, et al., hereinafter Keck.

6. Regarding claim 1, Keck teaches a computing device for location proximal to a waiting area of a hospital emergency room and for intake of a patient in said hospital emergency room comprising a touch-screen operable to receive input by allowing said patient to depress active portions along the surface of said touch-screen, said touch screen further operable to display information to said patient; said computing device further comprising a set of headphones connected to said computing device for presenting audio output to said patient; and wherein said computing device is configured to receive an identification of said patient and a preferred language of said patient, and further operable to present on said touch screen at least one main question and a plurality of dependent questions linked to a response of said main question and each other, said questions presented in said preferred language of said patient, said questions pertaining to an intake procedure of said patient to said hospital, said device further operable to receive responses to each of said of said questions by touch screen input from said patient, said device further operable to generate an intake report based on said responses in a preferred language of a hospital staff member responsible for further processing of said intake of said patient, (Fig. 1, page 2, para. 11 and page 4, para. 30). Examiner interprets 'user defined inputs' to encompass 'preferred language of said patient'.

7. Regarding claim 2, Keck teaches the device of claim 1 as described above.

Keck further teaches wherein said computing device is attachable to a printing device local to said computing device and wherein said report is generated at said printing device, (page 3, para. 27).

8. Regarding claim 3, Keck teaches the device of claim 1 as described above.

Keck further teaches wherein said computing device is connected to an intake server via a network, and wherein said report is delivered to said intake server, (Fig. 4a, page 3, paragraphs 24, and 25).

9. Regarding claim 4, Keck teaches the device of claims 1 and 3 as described

above. Keck further teaches wherein said intake server is attachable to a printing device local to said intake server and wherein said report is generated at said printing device, (page 3, paragraphs 25 and 27).

10. Regarding claim 5, Keck teaches the device of claims 1 and 3 as described

above. Keck further teaches wherein said intake server is connected to a plurality of treatment room client computing devices via said network, and wherein said treatment room clients include an output device, (page 4, para. 30).

11. Regarding claim 6, Keck teaches the device of claim 1 as described above.

Keck further teaches wherein said device is mounted within the housing of a Kiosk, (Fig. 3, page 3, para. 25).

12. Regarding claim 7, Keck teaches the device of claim 1 as described above.

Keck further teaches wherein said device is a stand-alone personal computer, (page 3, para. 27).

13. Regarding claim 8, Keck teaches in a computing device for location proximal to a waiting area of a hospital emergency room comprising a touch-screen operable to receive input by allowing depression of active portions along the surface of said touch-screen, said touch screen further operable to display information, a method for intake of a patient in said hospital emergency room, (page 4, para. 30), comprising the steps of:

receiving input from said touch screen representing a preferred language of said patient, (page 2, para. 11). Examiner interprets 'user defined inputs' to

encompass 'preferred language of said patient';

receiving input from said touch screen representing an identification of said patient, (page 3, para. 25 and page 4, para. 30);

presenting an intake question to said patient on said touch-screen, (page 4, para. 30);

receiving input from said touch screen representing responses to said intake questions, (page 4, para. 30);

repeating said presenting and receiving of said responses steps until a desired number of intake question responses have been received, (page 1, para. 12 and page 3, para. 25); and

generating an intake report in a preferred language of a hospital staff member responsible for further intake of said patient, (page 3, para. 26).

14. Regarding claim 9, Keck teaches the method of claim 8 as described above.

Keck further teaches wherein said computing device is attachable to a printing device

local to said computing device and wherein said report is generated at said printing device, (page 3, para. 27).

15. Regarding claim 10, Keck teaches the method of claim 8 as described above. Keck further teaches wherein said computing device is connected to an intake server via a network, and wherein said report is delivered to said intake server, (Fig. 4a, page 3, paragraphs 24 and 25).

16. Regarding claim 11, Keck teaches the method of claims 8 and 10 as described above. Keck further teaches wherein said intake server is attachable to a printing device local to said intake server and wherein said report is generated at said printing device, (page 3, para. 27).

17. Regarding claim 12, Keck teaches the method of claims 8 and 10 as described above. Keck further teaches wherein said intake server is connected to a plurality of treatment room client computing devices via said network, and wherein said treatment room clients include an output device, said intake server operable to determine an available one of said treatment rooms and to direct said report to said treatment room client computing device respective to said available one, (page 4, paragraphs 29 and 30).

18. Regarding claim 13, Keck teaches the method of claim 8 as described above. Keck further teaches wherein said computing device is mounted within the housing of a kiosk, (Fig. 3, page 3, para. 25).

19. Regarding claim 14, Keck teaches the method of claim 8 as described above.

Keck further teaches wherein said computing device is a stand-alone personal computer, (page 3, para. 27).

20. Regarding claim 15, Keck teaches a computer readable media for storing programming instructions for use with a computing device for location proximal to a waiting area of a hospital emergency room comprising a touch-screen operable to receive input by allowing depression of active portions along the surface of said touch-screen, said touch screen further operable to display information, and a method for intake of a patient in said hospital emergency room, (Figures 1 and 3, page 2, para. 11, and page 4, para. 30), comprising the steps of:

receiving input from said touch screen representing a preferred language of said patient, (page 2, para. 11);

receiving input from said touch screen representing an identification of said patient, (page 3, para. 25 and page 4, para. 30);

presenting an intake question to said patient on said touch-screen, (page 4, para. 30);

receiving input from said touch screen representing responses to said intake questions, (page 4, para. 30);

repeating said presenting and receipt of said responses steps until a desired number of intake question responses have been received, (page 1, para. 12 and page 3, para. 25); and

generating an intake report in a preferred language of a hospital staff member responsible for further intake of said patient, (page 3, para. 26).

21. Regarding claim 16, Keck teaches a system for intake of a patient in said hospital emergency room comprising at least one computing device associated with a waiting area of a hospital emergency room and a comprising a touch-screen operable to receive input by allowing said patient to depress active portions along the surface of said touch-screen, said touch screen further operable to display information to said patient; said computing device further comprising a set of headphones connected to said computing device for presenting audio output to said patient; and wherein said computing device is configured to receive an identification of said patient and a preferred language of said patient, and further operable to present on said touch screen at least one main question and a plurality of dependent questions linked to a response of said main question and each other, said questions presented in said preferred language of said patient, said questions pertaining to an intake procedure of said patient to said hospital, said computing device further operable to receive responses to each of said questions by touch screen input from said patient, said computing device further operable to generate an intake report based on said responses in a preferred language of a hospital staff member responsible for further processing of said intake of said patient; said system further comprising an intake server for connection to said computing devices and for receiving intake reports generated thereby, said system further comprising a plurality of treatment room clients connected to said intake server, said treatment room clients including an output device operable to present said intake

reports; said server operable to direct said intake reports to an appropriate one of said treatment room clients according to a prioritization criteria, (Figures 1 and 3, page 2, para. 11 and page4, para. 30).

22. Regarding claim 17, Keck system the method of claim 16 as described above. Keck further teaches wherein said device is a kiosk located in said waiting room, (Fig. 3, page 3, para. 25).

23. Regarding claim 18, Keck system the method of claim 16 as described above. Keck further teaches wherein said device is a wireless portable computing device operable to connect with said server via a wireless network such that a patient en route to said hospital can complete at least some of said questions prior to arrival at said hospital, (page 4, para. 29).

Conclusion

24. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited but not applied art teaches Method using central epidemiological database (US 5911132 A), Electronic medical records system (US 5924074 A), Method and system for anonymously testing for a human malady (US 5978466 A), Danger warning and emergency response system and method (US 6084510 A), Sickel guard air system (US 6085510 A), System and method for communicating medical records using bar coding (US 6088695 A), Integrated emergency medical transportation database system (US 6117073 A), Health care information and data tracking system and method (US 6148297 A), Remote health monitoring system (US 6171237 B1), Medical non-intrusive prevention based on

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network of embedded systems (US 6238337 B1), Chronic disease monitor (US 6277071 B1), System for monitoring and managing the health care of a patient population (US 6385589 B1), Method of and apparatus for evaluation and mitigation of microsleep events (US 6511424 B1), Method and apparatus for authenticating informed consent (6149440).

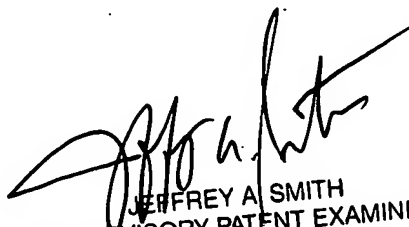
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Thomas can be reached on 571-272-6776. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571) 273-8300.

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